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- 11. (U) PolOff delivered reftel demarche and Spanish language non-paper to the MFA's Chief for International Security and Disarmament, Lilliam Ballon and to her assistant for disarmament matters, Milagros Winkelreid. Ballon expressed a keen interest in maintaining an open, continuing dialog with the Embassy on the subject of small arms and light weapons and related topics.
- 12. (U) Winkelreid said that the MFA would soon be sending a diplomatic note to the Embassy inviting some of its officers to attend a February 18 meeting of Peru's Technical Secretariat of the National Commission Against the Fabrication, and Illicit Traffic of Fire Arms, Munitions, Explosives, and Other Related Crimes. (Note: This body is headed by the MFA, but includes representatives of the Armed Forces Joint Command and the Peruvian National Police PNP. End Note.)
- 13. (SBU) Comment: In a separate conversation, Ballon said that Peru has destroyed some 35,000 obsolete or confiscated small arms and light weapons from the PNP's arsenal over the last year. She cautioned against publicly highlighting this accomplishment, however, for fear that it might be exploited as propaganda by ultra-nationalists. End Comment.

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